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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1899.

日一廿月七年亥己

PRICE, \$2.50 per Month.

Business Notices.

W. S. BAILEY & Co.,
17, PRAYA CENTRAL.

PUMPS, PACKINGS, AND GENERAL STORES.

STEAM LAUNCHES BOUGHT,
SOLD OR BUILT TO ORDER,

By W. S. BAILEY,
Consulting and Superintending Engineer and Surveyor

THE PUNJOM MINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

In Accordance with Articles Nos. 26 and
27 of the Articles of Association of the
Company, Notice is hereby given that
the following SHARES will be liable to be
FORFEITED, unless the CALL DUE on
the 17th Day of April Last is PAID
together with INTEREST at 10% per annum,
at the Office of the Company, No. 9, PRAYA
CENTRAL, on or before the 1st day of
September, 1899.

The following are the extinguishing
NUMBERS of the ORDINARY SHARES—

57477	57501	55891	55940
11198	11985	34369	34391
59130	59139	36213	36224
16245	16249	4245	42465
15142	15152	42414	42465
28512	28513	4559	
29097	29098	56129	56138
59132	59133	46274	46219
59133	59134	45611	45635
32044	32045	47301	47310
25644	25645	47840	47889
59166	59167	47890	47839
	49705	49729	

W. H. GASKELL,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, August 17, 1899. 1853

WANTED.

A MANAGER for the INSTITUTION OF
ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.
Must be acquainted with Book-keeping.
Apply by Letter, stating terms expected,
to the Hon. SECRETARY, at the Institution,
2 Praya Central.

ARCH. RITCHIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, August 19, 1899. 1867

BOARD AND LODGING.

PRIVATE BOARD and RESIDENCE,
Kowloon. Apply 'W.'

Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

Hongkong, August 25, 1899. 1904

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in a Statement
of BUSINESS CONSTRUCTED during the Half-Year
ended 30th June, 1899, on or before the
15th September, on which date the
Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 24, 1899. 1895

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8% per SHARE, and
Boxes of 12% per SHARE for the Six
Months ending 30th June, 1899, Declared
at Monday's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting,
will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the
22nd August, and SHAREHOLDERS are
requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS
at the Company's Office, Queen's
Buildings, Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 24, 1899. 1890

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

IN Accordance with the Provisions of
No. 121 of the ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION,
the GENERAL AGENTS have this Day
Declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of
2 PER CENT. for the Half-year ending 30th
June, 1899, on the Paid-up CAPITAL of the
Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE
on SATURDAY, the 2nd September, will
be issued to SHAREHOLDERS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from 24th Inst. to
2nd Sept., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, August 17, 1899. 1895

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

FOR COMFORT UNSURPASSED
IN ASIA.

THREE MAGNIFICENT
PIANOS

A BABY GRAND, \$900.
A SEMI GRAND, \$1,100.
A BOUDOIR GRAND, \$1,500.NOW ON VIEW AT
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

MANILA ALHAMBRA FACTORY.

FOR CHRISTY'S AND TOWNSEND'S HATS,
COURT AND EVENING DRESS SHOES, Etc., Etc.

MANILA ROYAL TAWNY PORT CIGARS.

THE DUC DE MONTEBELLO CHAMPAGNE

Hongkong Agent
W. HUTTON POTTS.Office: DAIRY FARM BUILDING,
Below Glenately.

THE PHARMACY,

22 Queen's Road Central (Opposite the Entrance to
Hongkong Hotel).THIS Business has been under entirely New Management since August 1st. All
Prescriptions dispensed by a qualified Chemist. Special attention paid to French
and all other Foreign formulae.

Homeopathic Medicines. Medicine Chests Refitted.

LAURENOL A New Odorless, Non-dangerous Disinfectant.

Chloro-aluminite of zinc sulpho-cupric.

Wines and Spirits. Cigars.

Manager, RICHARD FLINT.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

An English South African's View of
the Situation, by Otto Schreiner. \$0.70

Australian Sketches, Made on Tour.

Portland Cement Its Manufacture,
Testing and Use, by D. B. Butler. 10.00

Stanford's New Map of China, pre-

pared for the China Inland Mission.

Showing proposed Railways, &c.

Scale 50 Miles to an inch. 10.50

Books Worth Reading: A Plea for
the best, and an Essay toward
Selection, by R. W. Radley. 2.00Russia on the Pacific and the
Siberian Railway, by Vladimir Mapa
and Illustration. 0.00The Heart of Asia, by F. H. Skrine
and E. D. Ross. Illustrations and
maps. 7.50Bismarck's Some Scars of His
History. Being a Diary kept by
Dr. Moritz Bismarck during 25 Years
(cheap Edition). 6.00The Seafarer City, by Pot and
Swans. 2.00Black and White War Albums,
Postage Paid, Artistic Prints, and the
New Countries. 3.00THE FEDERATION in the FAR EAST
POLITICAL CARTOON, by
GEO. IRAN-TAF. 10 cents & 10 cents

(No postage required) \$1.25

Business Notices.
BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.

HONGKONG HOTEL—PRAYA.

BELL'S ASBESTOS PACKINGS
ARE THE BEST.BELL'S BOILER COMPOSITION
IS THE BEST.BELL'S ENGINE OIL
IS THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET.KINGHORN & MACDONALD,
MANAGERS.

1789.

CANADIAN BUTTER.

In Prime Condition.
Received direct from the Canadian
Department of Agriculture.

PRICE.

1 lb. tins \$0.75

2 lbs. tins \$1.10 Per 1 lb. tin 80 Cents

1791.

FRENCH ISIGNY BUTTER.

Fresh Supply just Received.

PRICE.

1 lb. tins \$0.75

2 lbs. tins \$1.10 Per 1 lb. tin 80 Cents

1792.

Lane, Crawford & Co.

1793.

WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LTD.,

(PROPRIETORS OF DAVID STORER & SONS),

LONDON—LIVERPOOL—PARIS,

AND PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

MAKERS OF PAINTS, VARNISHES AND COLORS.

BELL BRAND PAINTS

OF ALL COLORS, WHITE LEAD,

WHITE ZINC, RED LEAD,

TURPENTINE, COPAL VARNISH,

AND PALE BOILED LINSEED OIL.

It is impossible to procure in Hongkong A WHITE ZINC PAINT
which is Superior to BELL BRAND.

SPECIAL GENUINE GROUND WHITE ZINC.

(All Keys bear a Green St. Andrew's Cross.)

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PEAK HOTEL AND CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY
Station, 1380 feet above Sea Level.CRAIGIEBURN is Situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes' walk from the
PEAK HOTEL.

Fin Healthy Location—Variety of Beautiful Scenery, Cool Southerly Breeze

in Sunmer, with perfect protection against the North-East Winds in Winter.

Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

2 City Offices 7, DUBBOU STREET. Geo. J. CASANOVA, Manager.

1794.

CLETEAS HYGIENIC CORDIAL.

Per 1 dozen flasks \$15.00

Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., SOLE AGENTS.

Hongkong, July 24, 1899. 1795.

1796.

ASK FOR FERGUSON'S P. & O.

SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD RICHLAND WHISKY.

FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.

These are the finest productions of Scotland; devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.

THE CREME DE LA CREME OF WHISKIES.

PURE AND MILD.

Sole Importers.

1797.

W. POWELL & Co.,

Immediately Opposite P. & O. 1st Floor.

1798.

“CLAYMORE.”

FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

Sole Agents.—THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

1799.

HONGKONG.

GOLD MEDAL, PARIS 1867; 1889.

JOSEPH GILLOTT'S PENS.

Of Highest Quality, & Having Greatest Durability.

CHEAPEST.

The only Award, Chicago, 1893.

NUMBERS FOR USE BY BANKERS.

Barrel Pens, 225, 250, 262, 282, 300, 320, 340, 360, 380, 400, 420, 440.

In Pipe, Medium, and Broad points.

The New Turned-up Point 1032.

1899.

Business Notices.

Don't Read this!

IT'S NOT MEANT FOR YOU!

We have come to stay,

And supply all comers

Thoroughly, cheaply, promptly,

Keeping up our fairly-won reputation

In Hong

TELEGRAMS ISSUED FROM CANAL

SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT

OUTWARD.—A.M.—June 20; Tidbin,
July 1; Kowloon, 11; Joss 18 & 25; Thorla,
21; Kwai-chu, Marie Valere, Menthire,
Balakong, August 1; Gloucester 14;
Sierra, Pudela, Tambu, Marin,
4; Geylang, Pakung, Borndale, Cal-
ches, St. Irene, 9; Onida, Looch, Vor-
don, Savoia, Yangtze, 11; Kunchi
Marin, St. Gattardo, Voriger, 18; Men-
loch, Abergelie, Asua, Afghandien,
Ambla, 23; Glauces, Siam, Jacea, Si-
cia, Ureto, Vladivostok, 25.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1893.

Editorial Comment.

The report of the Subsidiary
Comittee submitted to the last meeting of
the Legislative Council contains no further information
than has been already published. The
Committee offer no explanations or reasons
why they adopted the following resolutions:

(1) That an ample supply of Hongkong

subsidiary coin be always kept in the Colony;

(2) that, in view of the fact that Hongkong subsidiary coin is the only legal tender,

restriction or prohibition of the import of subsidiary coin from the Canton Mint is

unnecessary, and, in our opinion, impracticable.

Is it possible to maintain an ample supply

of Hongkong subsidiary coin in the Colony,

if it is true that it is invariably sent into the interior of China? If it is necessary to send coin into the interior in payment of goods, why not Chinese coin sent instead of foreign money? Why is it unnecessary to adopt measures to restrict or prohibit the importation of Canton money (and other foreign subsidiary coin) into Hongkong?

Also, how is it impracticable? These and other questions might be answered by the Committee, and then the public might be able to appreciate the value of their enquiry and of their services. Their reasons may be sound enough, both theoretically and in practice; but neither the public nor the Government know them. Is His Excellency the Governor sensibly impressed with the assistance he has received from the Committee? The Epidemic of Retinco seems to spread from official to unofficial circles.

We have already referred to the desirability of adopting definite arrangements to make the Jubilee Hospital

for Women and Children as open as possible for all classes, especially the poorer class, and also to make it possible for local doctors to treat their own patients in that institution.

It is well known that the present head of the Medical Staff holds strong opinions on these points, and freely maintains them against nearly all his brother medics and a large majority of the residents. Some guarantee, therefore, should be obtained from the Government by the subscribers to the Jubilee Fund to the effect that the Hospital will be conducted upon such liberal lines as will give the best results for the public welfare.

It has been suggested that the resolution passed in connection with the Hospital binds the Committee to simply hand over the building to the Government (i.e., to Dr Atkinson and his staff), and that the institution must then be maintained and conducted on the lines of the Government Civil Hospital, without breaching a word except those of the administration of the higher institution, if admitted by many, we have taken a keen interest in the Jubilee Hospital that the two institutions are not alike; and it is also contended that the subscribers and the Jubilee Committee ought to have a little say as to the lines upon which the hospital should be worked. We do not see anything unreasonable in this feeling, and it seems to us only fair that some form of Consulting Committee or other Trust body should be nominated, jointly, by me, by the Government and the Jubilee Committee. A Home thus duly would be performed by the Town Council or the Local Board. Here it should be done by a select number of prominent residents in the Colony—somewhat after the manner of the Trust in reference to the City Hall building. What form of trust should be given to this Committee it is perhaps not necessary to consider for the present, so long as the details and objects of the donors are satisfactorily carried out. One of the most popular trusts connected with the new Hospital is that it should be placed in charge of a qualified lady doctor. This may or may not meet with the approval of the P. M. O. of the Colony, but at the point which deserves the fullest consideration, and ought, we think, to be left to the decision of the donor or to that of the Committee.

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The following are the fixtures in the Water Polo Competition:

The singing of the famous old song, "What shall I have that killed the deer and blow, blow that wintry wind," by

Moore C. H. Lamont, G. H. Atkinson, G. L. Atkinson, and W. M. Schmid in the

open-air production, "As You Like It," on the Volunteer grounds will be one of the most popular parts of the moral entertainment.

Miss Muriel Marion is set for the part of Puck, the country maiden, and

all will be pleased to see her in the

arrangements have been made for extra cars to run on the Tramway after the performance, so that visitors from the Fair will find it very convenient to attend.

Manager Love has arranged with the Director, Acetylene Lighting Company, to illuminate the grounds, and there are to be sufficient lights. The cost for extra cars continues, and from all indications there will be a very large gathering on the Parade Ground on Tuesday evening.

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Entertainment.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE OPEN-AIR PERFORMANCE?

'AS YOU LIKE IT'

ON THE

VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND

TUESDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 29TH.

JANET WALDORF AS ROSALIND,

NORMAL MCGREGOR AS ORLANDO,

Assisted by

ADA DOW CURRIER, VIRGINIA CHANNA,

and Prominent Member, A. D. C.

Secure Your Seats quick at ROBINSON

PIANO CO.

PRICE, \$1, \$2 and \$3.

The Grounds will be illuminated by the

Eastern Acetylene Lighting Company.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893.

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 453.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND, by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY, the 23rd day of August, 1893, at 3 p.m., are published for general information:

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 12th August, 1893.

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Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on Monday, the 26th day of August, 1893, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen, for one further term of 70 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Regd. No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rent, £	Upfront	£		
					ft.	in.	ft.
1	Kowloon Point (Bank of Wharf & Garden Co.'s Premises)	60 60 120 120	6,900	70 70 70 70	0	0	0

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, (For Account of the Convened),

on MONDAY,

the 28th August, at 11 a.m., at KOWLOON DOCKS PREMISES—

ASBESTOS METALLIC PACKING AND ASBESTOS, PARAGON, GARLON and TRUCK PACKING, OLD MANILA RUBBER, ARMOUR PLATE, PLATE, IRON, HOSE, BALL, LAMP, COTTON, LAME, WICKS, GRIND STONES, and a Large Quantity of OAKUM weighing about 14,224 lbs., &c., &c.

A Steam Launch will leave Pedder's Wharf at 10.30 a.m. to convey intending Purchasers.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 25, 1893.

1907

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Captain SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on TUESDAY,

the 29th August, at 11 a.m., at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION,—

(Instead of To-day's previously announced);

A LARGE QUANTITY OF SURPLUS STORES;

Also,

224 MAUSER RIFLES, 14 MUZZLE-LOADING RIFLES, 344 REVOLVERS, RIFLE and REVOLVER AMMUNITION, SWORDS, LEAD, COTTON, IRON, SUGAR, RICE, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, August 25, 1893.

1893

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ON the 2nd of September Next, will be Sold at the PUBLIC AUCTION ROOMS, BATAVIA, to the highest bidder:

THE DUTCH IRON TWO MASTED MAIL SCREW STEAMER

PRINS ALEXANDER,

Built in 1872, by Blackwood and Gordon, Glasgow. Length as per certificate of measurement 240 feet, breadth 30 feet, depth 17 feet. Draft loaded 16 feet 6 inches, measuring gross 1,098.9 and net 7,772 tons with 10 First-class and 8 Second-class Passengers' Accommodation. The Engines are compound surface condensing of 700 I.H.P., 2 Steam-boilers of 75 lb. per square inch working pressure, and 2,000 square feet of heating surface, new in 1883. Donkey Boiler, new in 1891. The Ship is to be sold as she is now lying in the harbour of Tanjong Priok, with all her inventory on board; six boats. Spare engine gear, including a new spare steel crank-shafting and is open for inspection daily.

In the meantime offers will be entertained Agents of the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij, WEIGENIER & Co., Hongkong, July 20, 1893.

S. E. N. T. I. N. G.

Successors to D. & J. S. S. & Co.

No. 10, N. G. Street.

TERMS VERY MODERATE.

Consultant Firm.

Hongkong, April 6, 1893.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893.

Intimations.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with Article No. VIII, Paragraph 3 of the Articles of Association of the COMPANY, INTEREST of the Rate of \$10 per Annum is being CHARGED on all Unpaid CALLS.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, August 10, 1893.

1892

JAPANESE FINE ART CURIOS.

KUHN & KOMOR, 21 & 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong; 35, Water Street, Yokohama; and 36, Division Street, Kobe.

To-day's Advertisements

WANTED.

A EUROPEAN BOOK-KEEPER, thoroughly conversant with Book-keeping in English.

Apply personally,

S. J. DAVID & Co., 3rd Floor, Queen's Buildings.

Hongkong, August 26, 1893.

1912

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYEING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Manager on SATURDAY, the 9th September Next, at Noon, for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Consulting Committee, and Statement of Accounts to the 31st July, 1893, also for the consideration of the following Extraordinary Resolution, which will be submitted to the

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A meeting of the Royal Antediluvian Buffaloes is announced for Tuesday night, the 29th inst.

The Right Reverend Bishop Graves will preach in St. John's Cathedral tomorrow at the 11 o'clock service.

The Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters, advertised for this evening, has been postponed owing to the unsettled weather.

One of the men removed to the hospital on Wednesday evening suffering from severe injuries obtained in the fall of the house in Graham Street died yesterday from the effect of the shock. This makes the fourth death.

A Chinese lady appeared at the Magistrate's office on Wednesday evening to complain against a Chinaman for allowing a ferocious dog to bite her. She said her son was bitten in the side by the dog. She had asked defendant to bring his dog to her house, and make it eat the poisons that had been placed on the wound. People said that would assist in the cure. The defendant did not bring his dog. The Magistrate advised parties to settle the matter out of Court.

Prevention of Piracy.

The first-class torpedo boat No. 35, commissioned on Monday as tender to H.M.S. *Tweed* (Lieutenant-Commander Hilliard), is to assist the *Sandpiper* in the suppression of piracy on the West River. The torpedo boat will be in command of Mr. McNeil, boatswain of the *Humber*.

Aquatic Sports.

The aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 18th, 19th and 20th of September next. An attractive programme has been arranged, and there is likely to be several cups presented for competition that should be a record entry.

Hongkong Hotel.

The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play the following programme at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 to 9 p.m.:

March.	Queen's Guard	W. Wilson.
Overture.	Jubilee.	Harriet.
Solo.	W. Wilson.	Harriet.
Solo.	Telepathic Girl.	Grace.
Intermezzo.	On the Road to Moscow.	Grace.
Poka.	India.	Grace.

GEN. S. E. T. G.

Fatal Accident.

This afternoon, a coolie employed at the new building in Connaught Road, opposite Queen's Buildings, fell from the top storey, and survived. He was admitted to hospital a few minutes afterwards in a yard adjoining. Dr. J. A. Lawson was summoned, but his services were of no avail. The Police were telephoned for, and the body was removed to the mortuary.

Oppression by a Trade Guild.

A flagrant case of oppression by a trade guild has come to our notice. It appears that some time ago a carpenters' guild at Yau-tai induced the carpenters employed at the Hung-ho Docks to make a demand for increased wages, and as a result of that demand the carpenters' secured a rise to fifty cents per day. The guild stipulated for a share in this rise, but the dock carpenters refused to comply with the request, and the members of the guild have actually gone beyond threats and resorted to violence. One evening this week three of the dock carpenters were attacked, and seriously injured by a party of guildsmen armed with knives and clubs. One of the men was so dangerously wounded as to necessitate his removal to the hospital. The head carpenter lives in daily dread of attack by the guildsmen who have threatened to murder him.

Important Discovery.

Professor Nagai has discovered a means of securing the ammonia that is set free in the manufacture of indigo and has hitherto been wasted. He calculates that ammonia to the value of \$9 per ton may be obtained annually from each indigo vat, and thus a very large profit may be made.

Yu Man-tze Captured.

The *United Gazette* says:—Yu Man-tze was brought under escort as a prisoner to Chung-ting on the 17th July on the charge of having deserted the regiment to which he was attached, and shortly afterward was personally examined by Vice-roy K'uei C'uei. Yu Man-tze tried to show that he had asked for a leave of ten days to go to his native city, his land, and that on the expiration of his leave he had returned to his regiment. Great was his astonishment when upon returning to his post he found that he had been denounced as a traitor by General Chou, commanding the brigade to which his (Yu's) regiment belonged. It is stated that when Yu Man-tze was arrested, Vice-roy K'uei Chün telegraphed to Peking asking permission to execute Yu summarily as soon as he arrived Chung-ting, but that a secret decree was sent to that Vice-roy saying that Yu had been emmetched it would be a breach of faith on the part of the Government to execute him and commanding that Yu be sentenced to imprisonment for life. In "Takum," Yu Man-tze's native district, the people have rebelled against the treatment of their chief, while the men of the districts of Yung-chuan and Ning-hsing have also joined the Tatun rebels. The officials and gentry of these districts are now all compelled to flee. Their respective cities awaiting destruction. The neighbourhood of Chantung, however, is quiet and peaceful, as well as the interior of the Lake Chün, which is the seat of the two departments of the frontier.

FRAGILE PATENTS MURMUR.

That the blue book concerning the New Territory fully justifies this severe criticism passed at the time upon the officials engaged on the transfer.

That Mr. Stewart Lockhart is exonerated from all blame in connection with the Governor's visit to the Viceregal.

That the despatch written by Sir Henry Blake, narrating what took place at the Canton interview, reads like a roaring farce to any one who has had experience of Chinese official ways.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Manchester Regiment have sailed for the Cape.

AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA.

Mr. Conger, on board the warship

Princeton, will visit the ports of China to investigate the decrease in American trade.

BUTTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, August 24.

THE TRANSVAAL QUESTION.

The text of the Transvaal's reply has reached the Colonial Office, but nothing has transpired in London regarding the contents. Cape telegrams however confirm yesterday's, and add that President Kruger has abandoned the abandonment of the British suzerainty.

The Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Manchester Regiment have sailed for the Cape.

AMERICAN TRADE IN CHINA.

Mr. Conger, on board the warship

Princeton, will visit the ports of China to investigate the decrease in American trade.

(*L'Avenir de Tonkin.*)

THE DREVYUS CASE.

RENNES, August 18.

Colonel Pierpont has finished his evidence. He explained the persecution to which he was submitted when he wished to make an inquiry into Esteban's conduct. Colonel Pierpont stated that he had never meddled with (gratuit - scratched) the petit men. The case will be resumed to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SOCIAL EVIL.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, August 26.

SIR.—Considering the need of reform in the location of houses of ill-fame in this Colony, (see your columns) as a preliminary, may I suggest through your paper that one of our Honourable Members of Council asks for return of all houses of this kind known to the police as such, their location, the names of the landlords or proprietors of the tenements or buildings, and, if landlords are absentees, also of their local agents or factors.—Yours faithfully,

P.

THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, August 23, 1899.

DEAR SIR.—Will you kindly permit me to protest most strongly against the high charge of \$2 per day for 3rd Class patients in the Government Civil Hospital.

The man is out of all proportion to the patient's pay when it is visited.

That a whole tribe should have been

put right in respect of loss, and the

cost of this Government over being

accused of urgency in business is too

amazing altogether.

That the 'Basseneck' business was

never more proved to be a bearded

muddle by the same foolish course

followed by the Colonial Secretary.

That his first explanation was to the effect that the Government had acted on the advice of its legal advisor, and paid the money claimed by A. Huk, with costs.

That this answer to Messrs. Chater and Whitehead looked as if it referred to acts subsequent to the verdict of the Jury.

That, upon being further questioned by the Unofficial Members on this point, the fat somehow got into the fire all round.

That the Acting Attorney-General, having been indirectly credited with the responsibility for the loss, deemed it advisable to speak out.

That the words in which Mr. Pollock defended himself will be long remembered as a picture of the fact of their being perfectly appropriate from a government point of view.

That Mr. Pollock may have been entirely

technically in giving away the Government case, but the public will ever regard his straightforward statement as a sort of declaration of independence, and a forcible assertion of straight versus crooked ways.

I do not mean to say that the income is too much for the Hospital, for I gladly admit that it is an infliction to be imposed on the patient's pay when it is visited.

That the sum total of the whole is the

Government, by ignoring the advice of their medical adviser, has spent about \$10,000 of the ratepayers' funds needlessly, and Mr. Bellairs, the owner of 'Basseneck,' remains the proud possessor of the property renovated by public money.

That one result of Mr. Whitehead's questions—two of them appeared to be very similar in wording—was the production of a programme or catalogue by the original Director of Public Works.

That I was pleased to note this catalogue included the new road for the recently-purchased building sites above the Pot-lotum Conduit.

That in most civilised communities roads are made before building sites are sold and paid for; but here in Hongkong the Government is not quite up to the standard mark.

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of Mr. Chater into public Councillor life,

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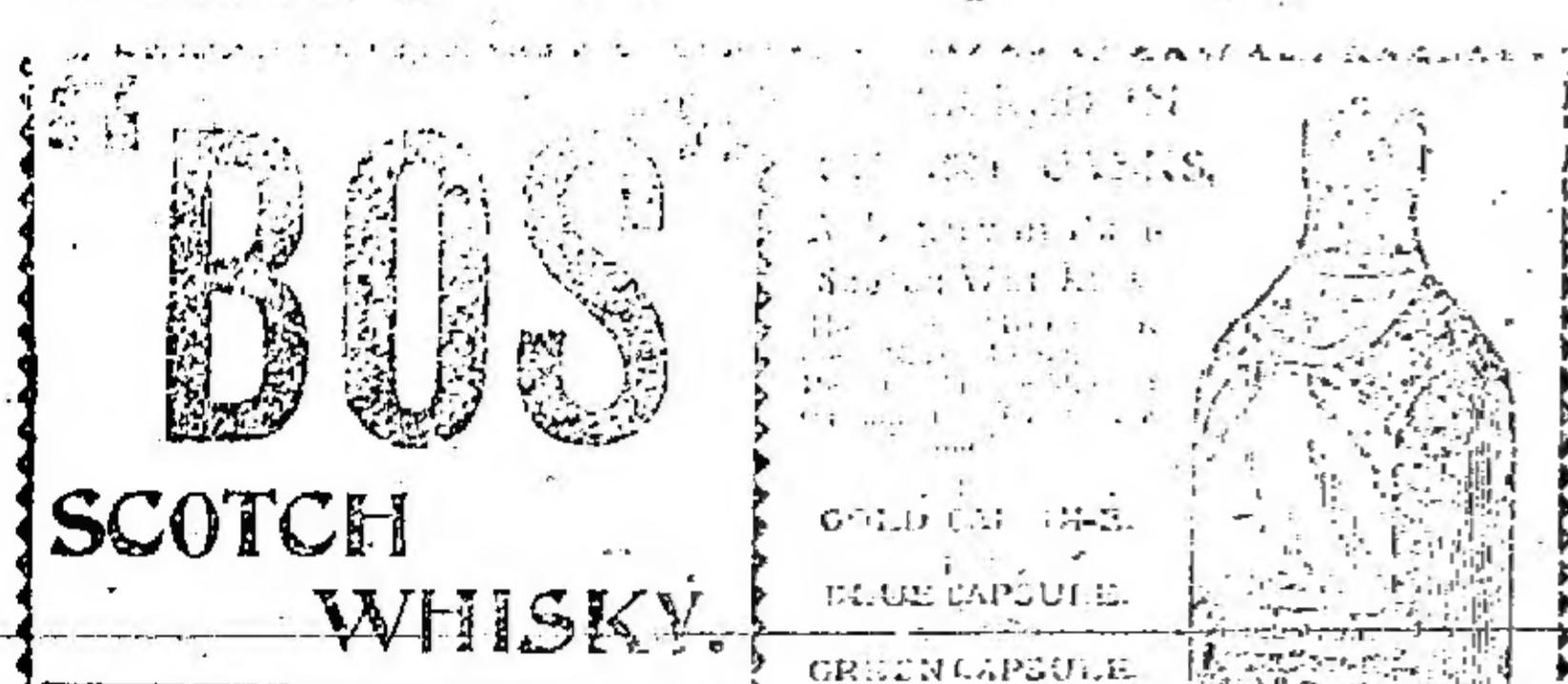
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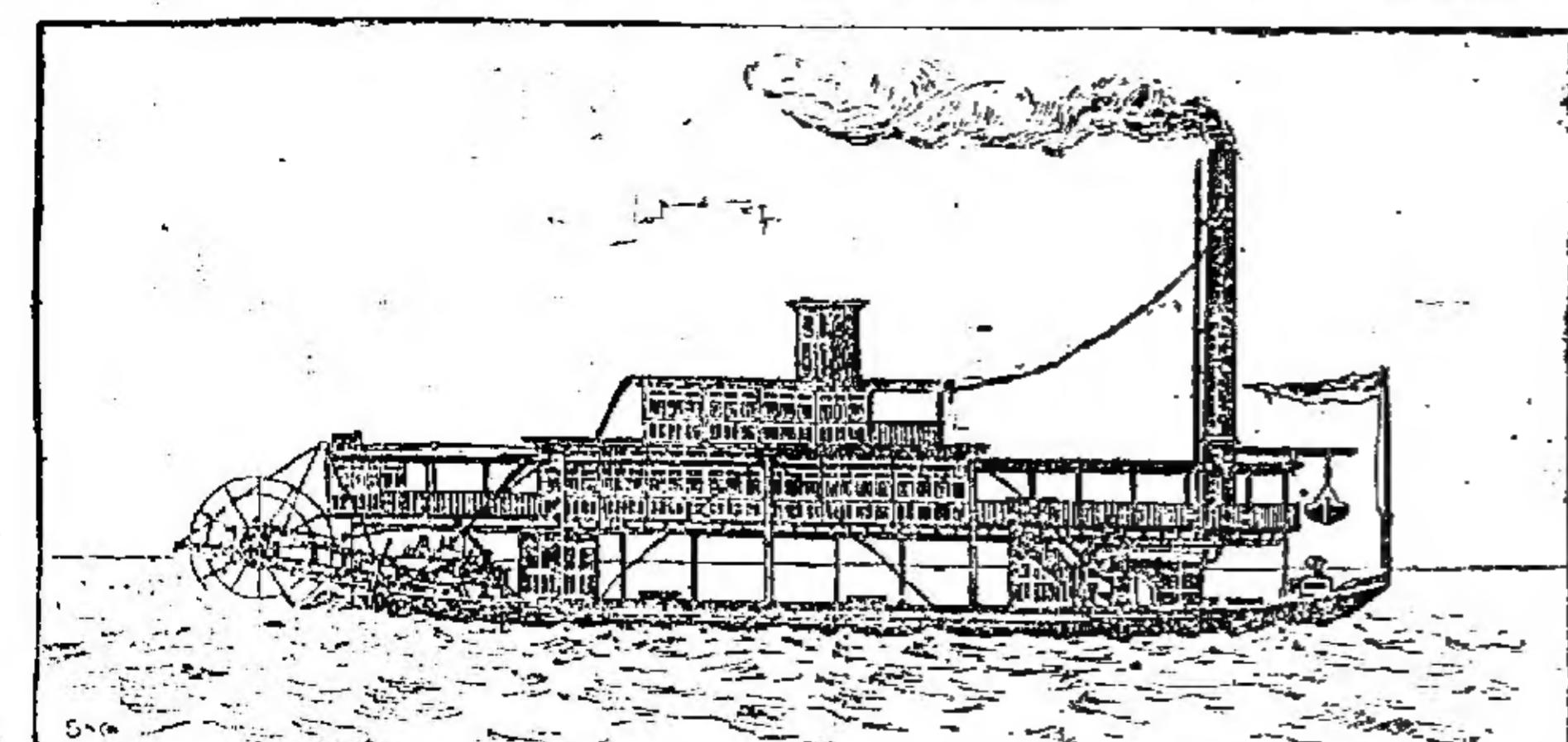
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